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FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, APER, PDIP, LA, US

SUBJ: REPLACEMENT OF CHARGE

REF: A. STATE 166631

B. STATE 177758

1. I HAVE DELAYED ANSWERING REFTELS BECAUSE I HAVE SOUGHT TO RESOLVE OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS, AND AT LEAST OCCUPATION OF COMPOUNDS, BEFORE CORCORAN'S ARRIVAL. IT HAS SEEMED TO ME POSSIBLE, EVEN PROBABLE, THAT ONCE PGNU KNOWS I AM LEAVING, GOVERNMENT MAY LOSE INTEREST IN DEALING WITH ME AND HOLD UP ALL NEGOTIATIONS TO SEE WHAT OUR NEW MAN IN VIENTIANE HAS TO SAY AND OFFER.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT ON COMPOUNDS, PRIVATE AND EMBASSY PROPERTIES, OR ROSEMARY CONWAY, AND THERE IS NO WAY OF PREDICTING A LIKELY DATE BY WHICH PROGRESS ON ANY OF THESE ISSUES MIGHT BE MADE. THEREFORE, I CAN OFFER NO RATIONALE FOR FURTHER DELAY AND RECOMMEND THAT WHEN CORCORAN HAS COMPLETED HIS BRIEFINGS IN WASHINGTON, YOU INFORM US OF HIS ETA HERE. WE SHALL SEND A NOTE ADVISING THE MFA OF HIS ARRIVAL AND OF HIS ASSUMPTION OF CHARGE POSITION UPON MY DEPARTURE WHICH WOULD BE PERHAPS ONE WEEK LATER.

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3. IN THIS SHIFT, QUESTION OF AMBASSADOR STONE WILL

INEVITABLY COME UP. WE CONTINUE TO SAY SIMPLY THAT WE HAVE NO DATE REGARDING HIS ARRIVAL ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT TRY TO DENY WITH MUCH VIGOR SPECULATION THAT HE MAY NOT COME AT ALL. HOWEVER, FOR REASONS SET FORTH VIENTIANE 5018, WE BELIEVE WE SHOULD INFORM PGNU BEFORE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OF AMBASSADOR'S REASSIGNMENT. OUR FAILURE TO DO SO WOULD CREATE A NEW DIFFICULTY. FURTHERMORE, IN LIGHT OF THE LACK OF PROGRESS IN OUR RELATIONS, THERE MAY BE SOME VIRTUE IN GIVING ANOTHER SIGNAL OF DISSATISFACTION. LAST WEEK, WE TOLD THEM IN A NOTE THERE COULD BE NO NEGOTIATIONS ON FUTURE ASSISTANCE; THIS WEEK WE HAVE RECONFIRMED ORALLY THERE WOULD BE NO MORE MAP; ADVICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF AMBASSADOR'S NOMINATION COULD ADD EMPHASIS TO OUR ATTITUDE. THEREFORE, RECOMMEND THAT ANY TIME IT CONVENIENT, BUT BEFORE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT, EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM MFA OF THIS DECISION.  
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